

U.S. Serial No. 10/612,082
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REMARKS

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Claims 103-112 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 103-112 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Zilla et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,554,857). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection on the grounds that Zilla et al. does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC §102(e).

To be prior art under 35 USC §102(e), the invention must be described in "a patent granted on an application for patent filed by another in the United States before the invention by applicant for patent." Zilla et al. was filed on November 5, 1999, based on a provisional application No. 60/144,703 filed July 20, 1999. The priority data listed on the face page of Zilla et al., in which the filing date of provisional application No. 60/144,703 is given as "Feb. 20, 1999," is an error. Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following attached documentation demonstrating that the filing date of provisional application No. 60/144,703 was July 20, 1999:

1. The filing receipt of provisional application No. 60/144,703 stating it was filed "07/20/99";
2. The filing receipt of the nonprovisional application Serial No. 09/434,069, filed November 5, 1999, claiming priority to "PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/144,703 07/20/99"; and
3. A printout from PAIR for Zilla et al. under the Continuity Data tab showing the filing date of provisional application No. 60/144,703 as "07-20-1999."

Because the earliest priority date for Zilla et al. for purposes of 35 USC §102(e) is July 20, 1999, and the pending application claims priority to provisional application No. 60/144,704 filed July 20, 1999, i.e., the same day, Zilla et al. was not filed "before" the filing date of the present application as required by 35 USC §102(e), and therefore, Zilla et al. is unavailable as prior art against the present application.

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Applicants also note that Zilla et al. was cited to the Examiner in a supplemental IDS filed in the original parent application, Serial No. 09/434,649, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,702,848. See MPEP 609.02(A)(2).

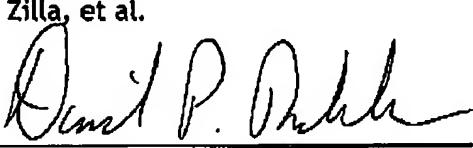
In light of the above comments, Applicants believe that the rejection over Zilla et al. has been overcome, and respectfully request that the rejection over Zilla et al. be withdrawn and that claims 103-112 proceed to issuance.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the attorney of record at the telephone number listed below if there are any further questions.

Respectfully submitted for,

Zilla, et al.

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